

Summer Transition from High School to College

Congratulations. Well done. It's taken a lot of work to get to this point and now you have a summer to prepare for the next steps to college. Here is a list of common steps likely on your plate this summer.

If you applied to your chosen college with your HVRHS email address, make sure you update your email contact to a personal email. If you need a personal email, I recommend [setting up a Gmail account](#) using your first and last name or your chosen name. Keep it simple.

Most schools have communications like emails and websites, or an internal website you need to log into for new incoming students. Schools will likely provide a checklist of things to complete before coming to their school which may include (but is not limited to):

- Submitting a final transcript
 - If you took any concurrent or dual enrollment college courses then you need to submit these transcripts as well (ECE or NCCC)
- Accepting your Financial Aid package, which may include accepting loan terms
- Filling out a housing profile/application (if you're living on campus)
- Uploading a photo of yourself for your new student ID
- Signing up for classes
 - You may be required to take a placement test or submit AP scores if applicable (this most likely occurs in math or world language)
 - You may or may not have an advisor meeting first
- Attending a virtual or in-person pre-orientation
- Getting up-to-date medical exams and immunizations and providing documentation
- If you are requesting academic accommodations (like extended time for example) reach out to the Office of Accessibility/Disability/Support Services to get appropriate forms
- Signing up for a student account or payment plan to start paying the tuition bill
- Setting up your new school email address (usually will end with ".edu")
- Registering yourself (and if applicable family members) for orientation
- Gathering any supplies needed in advance (like ordering textbooks/materials for class)
- If living on campus or moving, get a suggested packing list, coordinate with any new roommates on room supplies
- If you will be driving back and forth from campus map out your route and make sure you have reliable transportation or rides arranged
- Registering a vehicle for parking (if applicable)
- Attending orientation before classes start
- Starting your fall semester!

When you are doing all of this carefully read the directions from your school and send to the appropriate contact listed for each piece of information. Remember, you were admitted to your school for a reason and you belong there. Seek out help when needed or look up your resources beforehand just in case!